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1. WE AGREE WITH MISSION THAT TREATMENT OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE - LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT IS INADEQUATE. IN OUR VIEW THIS WILL BE THE MAIN SUBJECT OF THE MEETING. MISSION MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN DRAFTING NEW PARA 14.

QUOTE IN LIGHT OF THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY APPRECIATIONS BEFORE THEM, AND IN VIEW OF THE MANY EFFORTS UNDERWAY TOWARD FLEXIBLE UTILIZATION OF FORCES, AND IN RATIONALIZATION AND SPECIALIZATION, MINISTERS DIRECTED THAT A NEW LONG-RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT FOR NATO FORCES BE PREPARED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREED NATO STRATEGY OF FLEXIBILITY IN RESPONSE. THEY AGREED A NEW LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT SHOULD ENSURE THAT NATO'S CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR FORCES MUST CONTINUE TO DETER THE WARSAW PACT AS THEY HAVE

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IN THE PAST, RECOGNIZING THAT THE WARSAW PACT FORCES

CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. THEY AGREED THAT THE BALANCE OF FORCE NECESSARY TO DETER THE WARSAW PACT CAN ONLY BE ATTAINED AND MAINTAINED OVER A REASONABLE RANGE OF SCENARIOS IF

VIGOROUS PRIORITIES ARE APPLIED AND CURRENT RESOURCE EFFORTS ARE MAINTAINED, AND IF FURTHER EFFICIENCIES ARE SOUGHT AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO PERMIT NATIONAL FORCES TO WORK TOGETHER IN NATO DEFENSE. MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE GROSS RESOURCES AND FORCE LEVELS ARE ABOUT RIGHT, BUT GREATER EFFORT IS NEEDED FOR THE NATIONAL FORCES TO WORK TOGETHER BETTER IN A MORE COHESIVE AND EFFICIENT NATO DEFENSE. MINISTERS DIRECTED THAT THIS NEW LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT BE INCORPORATED IN THE GUIDANCE TO BE GIVEN NEXT SPRING FOR NATO FORCE PLANNING THROUGH 1982, THOUGH THE TASK OF MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE NATO FORCES OBVIOUSLY MUST CONTINUE BEYOND THAT DATE. THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN PERMANENT SESSION WAS INSTRUCTED TO PRESENT A DRAFT OF THIS NEW LONG RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MINISTERIAL MEETING IN SPRING 1975. UNQUOTE.

2. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN ALLIES' COMMENTS ON PARA 2 ON THE STRATEGIC SITUATION AND WILL RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT LATER.

3. WE BELIEVE COVERAGE OF REMAINING TOPICS IS GENERALLY ADEQUATE; HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING CHANGES:

PARA 5. CHANGE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE MINISTERS TOOK NOTE WITH SPECIAL SATISFACTION OF THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO FORM THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO NEW BRIGADES IN EUROPE DURING 1975 BY RATIONALIZATION IN SUPPORTING FUNCTION. THEY WELCOMED THIS PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION THAT RATIONALIZATION CAN HELP MEET THE NEED FOR IMPROVING THE COMBAT CAPABILITY OF FRONT-LINE FORCES AND NOTED THAT SOME SIMILAR MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. UNQUOTE.

4. WE ASSUME THAT REFERENCE TO SALT, MBFR, AND SECURITY ASPECTS OF CSCE IN PARA 3 WILL BE PASSING SINCE THESE
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ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH IN THE NAC. INGERSOLL

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